



disability or perceived disability. (Doc. No. 8). The Second Case also indicates it is filed pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and asserts a claim for retaliation based on acts that occurred after Plaintiff filed this initial action. (3:22-cv-291 (Doc. No. 1)). Because the two cases involve common questions of law and fact, and for purposes of judicial economy, consolidation is appropriate. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).


In addition, the Court notes that joinder of the issues has occurred in both cases such that both cases are ripe for a Conference of the Parties pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties are hereby DIRECTED to confer pursuant to Rule 26 within twenty-one days of this Order and submit a Rule 26(f) report in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rules, and this Court's Standing Orders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Second Case, 3:22-cv-291, shall be consolidated with the instant case, and the Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to file a copy of this Order in both cases and close the Second Case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall confer pursuant to Rule 26 within twenty-one days of this Order and submit a Rule 26(f) report in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rules, and this Court's Standing Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: April 20, 2023

  
Frank D. Whitney  
United States District Judge